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One 5 1/2 inch Do. do. do.  
Two 6 inch Gun Metal Fire  
GINES, with Hoses complete

Black and Drab Felt HATS,  
Black and Drab Paris and  
Beaver Dress Hats.

All Lots with all faults and errors of description whatsoever at purchaser's risk upon fall of the hammer.

Style of SHERIFF & Co. in Bombay, instead  
of VALLY MAHOMED ALLOOHBOY as heretofore.

Street, N. W., Corner of Pine St., up stairs  
where for further information, apply to  
J. W. RAYMOND,  
Agent.

C. BERTRAND,  
Principal Agent,  
Boulevard de la Chapelle, 105, Paris.











## For Sale.



AM COALS.  
or deliverable on Board  
Wharfery West Hartley,  
West Hartley, Straker,

ngware Marthyr.  
DR. S. WALKER & Co.  
ch 18, 1868.

OR SALE.  
& Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,  
's HOCK & MOSELLE,

SHERRY and PORT  
WHISKY.  
's BRANDY.  
draughtland bottle.  
PRESS STOUT.  
's PORTER.  
'S. WALKER & Co.  
ember 20, 1867.

OR SALE.

own as ALMAK Plaza  
nface of Eighty-three feet  
and GAGE Streets, and of  
Twenty-nine feet on Alex-  
prising a superficial area  
quare feet. Annual Ground

iculars, apply to  
L. LIVINGSTON & Co.  
bruary 24, 1868.

OR SALE.  
Adolphe Collins and  
& Co.'s Association Vini-  
Chateau Margaux.

Chateau Margaux.  
Bordeaux.  
Bordeaux and Martel's in  
in kegs.

Also,  
Iron COLUMNS, Yellow  
& with NAILS.

GLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
ember 11, 1867.

OR SALE.  
ED. ALBERT VICTOR  
late Arrivals.

Canvas Leading HOSE.  
uper PACKING, Engines  
EWS, Police IRONS, As-  
S, SMITHS, FORGES and

ry's 1st quality CANVAS  
ELLING.  
Navy CANVAS, Repair-  
ING, WICKING.

tion TWINE.  
Cheddar CHEESE, Corn  
MINY.

oyles of Table and Pocket  
THOS. HUNT & Co.  
January 22, 1868. 226

JAMES, TOYS, &c., &c.,  
risky, at  
LET'S Millinery and Drap-  
ery, Queen's Road.

December 8, 1867.

BAKEL, the new DIET, so  
commended, by the Faculty  
of medicine, of the  
Can be procured from  
GEO. GLASSE.

The Victoria Dispensary,  
December 10, 1867.

AS NOVELTIES  
CRAWFORD & Co.  
and Wedding CAKES.  
ange, Vanilla, Ratafia &c.,  
ITS.

Rimmel's ROSE WATER  
ES.  
kes of BONBONS.  
CAVIARE.

BS & Bloom MUSCATELS.  
BOSS, Carlsbad WAFERS.  
ICONS, Assorted Dessert

IVY, Truffled CHICKENS.  
LANS, Potated Severn Sal-  
Reindeer's TONGUES in

Z, and Z GRAMENTS.  
ES, GRAPHICOPES.  
Transparent VIEWS.

EDWARDS, Novel DICHS, and  
T NOIR.  
BERNARD METERS, Astro-  
LERSCOPE, Courier BAGS,  
SES.

ES, Meerschaum PIPES,  
CASES.  
ember 9, 1867. 11

in cases of twenty Gallons  
quantities to suit Purcha-

TOBACCO DISPENSARY,  
December 10, 1867.

TAU HOTEL STORES,  
10, QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Just Landed.

THE TW EED,  
ASAS, 52 L1.  
R, CURRANTS,  
berry VINEGAR,  
USTARI.

BLA KING.  
NDY.  
TOM.  
E in pint.  
CHEPSE.

HAMS.  
EDMUND HOLMES.  
January 4, 1868.

Ex Mail Steamer, the  
ARTICLES suitable for  
AS PRESENTS, &c.  
the Prime DISPENSER.  
FLOWERS.

ET.  
ARTICLES and PERFUME,  
NEW PERFUMES.

# CHINA

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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALCOCK, 11, Clement's Lane,  
Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30,  
Corahill. GORDON & GORCH, 121, Hol-  
born Hill, E.C.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW  
ZEALAND:—GORDON & GORCH, Mel-  
bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports  
generally:—WATTS & BAUER, San  
Francisco.

CHINA:—Sutton, Brown & Co., Amoy,  
Shanghai, Hong Kong, Canton, and  
Co. Shanghai, H. Fogg & Co. Ma-  
nila, C. K. BATH & Co.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
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## New Advertisements.

MULLER & CLAUSSEN  
REG to invite the attention of the Public  
to their  
Now and well selected Stock of  
FANCY AND OTHER CLOTHS,  
FOR THIS SEASON,

which they have just received from Eng-  
land, and which are suitable either for  
SUITS, FROCK, MORNING AND  
SHOOTING COATS.

OVERCOATS & YACHTING JACKETS.  
Being provided with an  
EXPERIENCED CUTTER

in every branch of the Trade, in constant  
communication with some of the most  
fashionable houses in London and Paris,  
they are now well prepared to execute all  
orders, completed with this

DEPARTMENT, WITH PUNCTUALITY  
AND DISPATCH.  
NAVAL AND MILITARY UNIFORMS,  
LADIES' RIDING HABITS,  
(After the newest and most graceful designs.)

A Stock of last season's  
READY-MADE CLOTHES,  
selling off at a reduction of 25 per cent. on  
original prices.

FOR STYLE, ECONOMY, AND  
PERFECT FITTING,  
MULLER & CLAUSSEN,  
Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1867. 11

SAYLE & Co.  
Victoria Exchange.

SOLE inspection of their NEW  
STOCK, specially prepared for the  
coming Season, forming the largest and  
best assortment of GOODS they have yet  
offered.

(Comprising)—  
Black Glaces, Plain and Fancy Silks,  
at old prices, Linsey, Rep, Wool Flairs,  
and all the newest designs for Ladies'  
Dresses, a large assortment of Evening  
and Ball Dresses, Embroidered, Printed,  
and made-up Skirts, Crinolines, Muehlin,  
Embroidered and Lace of all descriptions,  
The newest styles in Dress Trimmings.

Ladies' Trimmed Hats and Bonnets,  
Flowers, Feathers, Wreaths, etc.  
MANTLES and JACKETS  
of the newest designs and materials.

The Millinery and Dress Making  
Departments are under the management  
of two experienced West End assistants.

The Tailoring Department is now well  
supplied with every description of Cloth,  
for Autumn Wear, including Blue, Black  
and Scarlet Broad Cloths.

Blue and Black DOESKINS,  
Naval and Military CLOTHS,  
3/4 and 6/4 TWEEDS and  
Doeskins, Witneys, Beavers, &c.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's  
Hosiery of all descriptions.  
Ladies' and Gentlemen's  
Kid Gloves from well-known  
Makers.

TIES and SCARFS in great  
variety.

Felt Tapestry and Brussels  
Carpets, Matting and Floor  
Cloths.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's  
Hosiery of all makes.  
Latest Styles.  
Household Linens of every  
description

Black and Drab Felt HATS,  
Black and Drab Paris and  
Beaver Dress Hats.

HONGKONG AMATEUR THEA-  
TRICAL SOCIETY.

SEASON 1867-68.

THE Committee beg to intimate that the  
Third REPRESENTATION of the  
Season is fixed for

THIS EVENING,  
27th inst.,  
at the Lyric Theatre, when will be per-  
formed the laughable Farce

"COOL AS A CUCUMBER"  
To be followed by  
"THE RIFLE AND HOW TO USE IT,"  
in accordance with the burlesque  
"Villains & his Dinah."

Non-subscribers may obtain Tickets at  
Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s. Price,  
\$5.

The Performance will commence at half-  
past eight o'clock precisely.

H. HARRINGTON NELSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 17, 1868. 23ja

ICEBERG'S  
GRAND EXHIBITION OF ILLUMI-  
NATED PAINTINGS  
AND  
INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT PARTY,  
PRIM Australia, and now playing with  
extraordinary success in Manila, will  
shortly visit Hongkong.

JOHN BRYAN,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, December 28, 1867. 11

## New Advertisements.

MRS. VINTON'S PRIVATE FAMILY  
BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT,  
Hollywood Road, next door to the HOTEL  
DE EUROPE.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1867.

C. L. VOLKMAN,  
Private Boarding Establishment.  
39, HOLLYWOOD ROAD,  
HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, January 7, 1868.

Auctions.  
PUBLIC AUCTION.  
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have  
received instructions to sell by  
Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,  
the 28th January, 1868, at 11 o'clock  
A.M., at the Godowns of Messrs WM.  
POSTAU & Co., Wanchi—  
For account of the concerned,  
Ex "OVERMANN,"

B F \$3,966, 1 case containing 25 gross  
Matches (200 ea.)  
" \$5,296, 3 cases, each containing 25  
gross Matches (150 ea.)  
" 4,980, 1 case containing 25 gross  
Matches (200 ea.)

Also,  
For another account,  
B F 13 cases, each containing 25  
gross Matches (200 ea.)  
Hinside 4' 6" 11 cases, each containing 25  
gross Matches (200 ea.)

All more or less damaged by sea water.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
Hongkong, January 24, 1868. 28ja

PUBLIC AUCTION.  
GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.  
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. will  
sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,  
the 28th January, 1868, at Noon, at their  
Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,  
5 cases Bryant & May's Safety Ma-  
chines  
5 " Bryant & May's Victoria Ma-  
chines  
1 " Revolver  
1 " Revolver Cartridges  
200 dozen White Cotton Socks  
50 boxes Toilet Soap  
75 " Candles  
5 cases Prime Cheese, small size  
5 " York Hams  
40 drums Boiled Lined Oil  
15 " Raw Do.  
80 " Hubbard's White Zinc and  
Lead  
2 bales Roping Twine  
50 kegs Iron Nails  
5 cases American Butter  
10 pieces White Flannel  
10 " Colored Do.  
10 " Scotch Tweeds  
80 cases Old Tom  
100 " Gin  
30 cases quarts Ale  
20 " do. Stout  
15 " pints Stout  
1 case Solace Tobacco  
And a variety of other GOODS.  
Terms.—Cash on delivery in Mexican  
Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
Hongkong, January 24, 1868. 28ja

BOWRA & Co. have received instructions  
from F. S. HUFFMAN, Esq.,  
Official Assignee, to sell by PUBLIC  
AUCTION, on

WEDNESDAY,  
29th January, 1868, at 11 o'clock A.M.,  
on the Premises, known as "Beauregard,"  
The whole of the Elegant Household  
FURNITURE, comprising: Drawing  
Room, Dining Room and Bed Room  
SUITES.

Also,  
At or about 1 p.m.,  
The HOUSE and GROUNDS.  
Further particulars will be made known  
in a future advertisement, and Catalogues  
of the furniture will be issued prior to  
day of sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
All Lots with all faults and errors of  
description whatsoever at purchaser's risk  
upon fall of the hammer.  
Hongkong, January 22, 1868. 29ja

PUBLIC AUCTION.  
THE Undersigned have received in-  
structions to sell by Public Auc-  
tion, on account of whom it concerns, on

THURSDAY,  
30th instant, at 10 A.M., in the Godowns  
of Messrs HAZEN & Co., Stanley St.,  
Ex "RED DEER,"

B F 327/328, 2 cases, each containing  
6 pieces Fine Dark-blue  
MEDIUM CLOTH.  
More or less damaged by sea water.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
Goods to be taken delivery of immediately  
after the Auction, with all faults and  
errors of description.  
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, January 27, 1868. 30ja

## Banks.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.  
CAPITAL PAID-UP £750,000.  
With power to increase to £1,500,000.  
Reserve Fund, £145,902.14.8.  
Head-Office—No. 65, Old Broad Street,  
London, E. C.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
GEORGE GARDEN NICOL, Esq., Chairman.  
DONER LARNAK, Esq.  
GEORGE MAY, Esq.  
SIR FREDERICK J. HALLIDAY.  
JAMES A. ROBERTSON, Esq.  
ELLIS JAMES GILMAN, Esq.  
DAVID TRAIL ROBERTSON, Esq.—Chief  
Manager.

LONDON BANKERS.  
Bank of England.  
London Joint Stock Bank.  
SOLICITORS.  
Messrs CLARKE, SON & RAWLINGS, Colo-  
mao Street.  
AUDITORS.  
Messrs COLEMAN, TURQUAND, YOUNG  
& Co.—Public Accountants.  
J. SMITH, Esq., of Messrs W. Nicol &  
Co., Bombay.  
JAMES JOSEPH MACKENZIE, Esq., late of  
Messrs Dent & Co., China.  
Branches and Agencies.

Bombay,  
Calcutta,  
Madras.  
Ceylon (Colombo,  
Galle,  
Singapore,  
Penang,  
Shanghai,  
Yokohama,  
Hongkong,  
Rangoon,  
Manila,  
Batavia.

Edinburgh Deposit Agency.  
128, George Street.  
CHARLES PEARSON, Esq., a.a.—Agent.  
HONGKONG BRANCH.

Current deposits.—Accounts are kept on  
which no interest is allowed and no charge  
made for collecting Bills, Cheques, &c.  
Fixed deposits.—Accounts received, viz:—  
Repayable at 12 months, 5% per annum.  
" at 6 months, 4% per annum.  
" at 3 months, 3% per annum.  
The Bank discounts Local Bills, and  
Notes payable in Hongkong having at least  
two approved names unconnected in general  
partnership, and makes advances on ap-  
proved Banking Securities.

Exchange.  
The Bank issues drafts on its London  
Office, and on the London Joint Stock  
Bank at four months' sight, also on its  
Branches above; and Agents in Scotland,  
Ireland, Melbourne, Sydney, and towns in  
Australia, New Zealand, &c., and grants  
Circular Notes for the use of travellers  
negotiable in all towns of importance  
throughout the world.

Bills payable in Europe or in any of the  
above mentioned places are purchased or  
remitted for collection.  
Further information as to the rules of  
business may be obtained at the office, or  
on application by letter to the manager.  
Office hours.—10 to 3, Saturdays 10 to 1.  
WILLIAM JACKSON, Manager.  
2, Queen's Road, February 27, 1867. 11

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-  
ING CORPORATION.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, FIVE MILLIONS OF  
DOLLARS.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman.—GEORGE JOSEPH HELLAND, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman.—GEO. F. HEARD, Esq.  
W. H. FOSTER, JR., WILLIAM LUMANN,  
Esq.  
SOLIMON D. SARGOON, JULIUS MENKE, Esq.  
JAMES B. TAYLOR, Esq.  
Managers.  
Hongkong, Victor KRESSER, Esq.,  
Chief Manager.  
Shanghai, DAVID MACLEAN, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County  
Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate  
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balances.

On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "  
LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities,  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.  
VICTOR KRESSER,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation, Wardley House,  
No. 1, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, January 24, 1868.

AGRA AND MASTERMAN'S BANK  
LIMITED.  
NOTICE.  
ON and after this date all Persons having  
CLAIMS against the BANK are re-  
quested to transmit the same to A. McCLAR-  
MAN, Esq., of the AGRA BANK LIMITED,  
Shanghai.

For AGRA and MASTERMAN'S BANK Li-  
MITED,  
EDWARD MORRIS, Attorney.  
Hongkong, November 8, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr  
MURRAY DUNN, in our  
Firm ceased on the 15th instant, and the  
said Firm will be continued under the  
Style of SARGENT & Co. in Bombay, instead  
of VALLEY MAHOMED ASSOCIATES as hereto-  
fore.

SHERIFF & Co.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1867. 31ja

# MAIL.

STEAM FOR  
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suez, Malta, Marseilles,  
and Southampton.

Also,  
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and  
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship  
"BENARES" Captain McCulloch, with  
Hq Majesty's Mail, Passengers, Specie, and  
Cargo, will leave this for the above places,  
on SATURDAY, 1st February, at 2 P.M.  
CARGO will be received on board until  
5 P.M. on the 31st instant; SPECIE until  
Noon on the 1st February, and PARCELS  
until 5 P.M. on the 31st January.

For particulars regarding Freight and  
Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s  
Office, Hongkong.

CONVEYANCE AND VALUE OF PACKAGES  
ARE REQUIRED.  
A written declaration of the Contents and  
Value of the Packages for the Overland Route  
is required by the Egyptian Government, and  
must be delivered by the Shippers to the Com-  
pany's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or  
with Parcels; and the Company do not hold  
themselves responsible for any detention or  
prejudice which may happen from incorrec-  
tude in such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note  
the terms and conditions of the Company's  
Black Bills of Lading.  
W. MACAULAY, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, January 18, 1868. 11

NOTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MA-  
RITIMES DES MESSAGERIES  
IMPERIALES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.  
INDIA AND CHINA LINES, HONGKONG AGENCY.

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,  
ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA,  
MARSEILLES.  
Also,  
BOMBAY, PONDICHERY, MADRAS,  
and CALCUTTA.

THE departure of the Company's steam-  
ship "DONNAU" is postponed until  
shortly after the arrival of the Steamer  
"DUPELIX" expected from Shanghai on  
or about the 28th instant.  
C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.  
Hongkong, January 23, 1868.

THROUGH U. S. MAIL LINE TO NEW YORK.  
STEAMERS of this line will leave Hong-  
kong for Yokohama and San Francisco  
as follows:—

Ship	Departure
Great Republic, Capt. DOANE	on or about Jan. 14.
China, Captain SMITH	" " Feb. 24.
Colorado, Captain SMITH	" " Mar. 16.
Great Republic, Capt. DOANE	" " Apr. 16.

Costa Rica will leave Shanghai Jan. 15th,  
Feb. 25th, Mar. 17th, April 17th, connect-  
ing at Yokohama with above named Steam-  
ers.

Passengers ticketed through to California,  
Mexico, Central and South America, the  
Atlantic States, and to England or France,  
both via New York and by lines from Pa-  
nama and Aspinwall.

Return tickets issued at a reduction of  
10% upon the whole amount for the round  
voyage.

Connections are made at Panama with  
Steam Lines upon the West Coast of Cen-  
tral and South America, at Aspinwall with  
the "Royal West India Mail Line," West  
India and Pacific Steam-ship Company,  
(Limited) and the "French Transatlantic  
Company." And at New York, with the  
various lines to Europe. Tickets issued  
for the following Steam-ship Lines: Cun-  
ard, Inman, National, General Transat-  
lantic Co., New York and Havre Steam-  
ship Co., Hamburg and American Packet  
Co., New York and Bremen Steam-ship  
Co., and North German Lloyd.

Favorable arrangements have been made  
for through passengers and freight to Am-  
erica, from Calcutta, Penang and Singapore,  
and from Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

Through Bills of Lading given for Ports  
of Mexico, Central and South America, the  
Atlantic States, and to England or France,  
both via New York and by lines from Pa-  
nama and Aspinwall.

For further information, apply at the  
Agency of the Company, Prince West.  
GEO. F. BOWMAN, Agent.  
Hongkong, November 23, 1867.

NORTH AMERICAN STEAM-  
SHIP CO.  
OPPOSITION LINES.  
FROM  
SAN FRANCISCO  
TO  
NEW YORK  
VIA PANAMA AND NICARAGUA.

THE N. A. S. S. Co. will despatch regu-  
larly by both of the above Routes,  
their elegant and commodious Steam-ships  
"ORIZON," "NEWFADA," "NE-  
BRASKA," "AMERICA," and "MOSES  
TAYL



## QUOTATIONS

**QUOTATIONS.**

HONGKONG, 27th January, 1868.

OPIUM.—Patna, New, ...	\$680
Benares, New, ...	675
Malwa, ... ..	720

**Exchange.**

Bank 6 months' sight ... ..

Credits 6	...	...	434
On Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs. 219	...	...	434
" Bombay, 3 days' sight, Rs. 218 a 2	...	...	
" Shanghai, 3 days' sight Bank, Ts.	...	...	
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B.	...	...	11 1/2 per c.
Sycee	...	...	9.40 per c.
Mexicans	...	...	2 per c.
Gold Leaf	...	...	23.60 per
Gold Bar, 98 touch	...	...	23.35
English Sovereigns	...	...	

Australian Sovereigns, ...	4.65
Discount, ...	8
Gas Company Shares, 40 per Share.	
H. & W. pou dock, Old, 25 per cent	
Do. do. New, 15 per cent	
H. & S. Bank Shares, Old, 8 per cent	
Do. do. New, 1	
Union Dock Shares, ...	20 per cent

**Temperature.**

HONOLULU, 27th January, 1868.		9 A.M.	3 P.
Barometer, ... ..	30.216	30.1	
Attached Thermometer, 61		65	
Dry Bulb, ... ..	62.0	66.0	
Wet Bulb, ... ..	53.0	58.0	
Maximum S. Rgr., ...	—	71.0	
Minimum S. Rgr., ...	54.0	—	

Max. Sun's Rays, ...	—	112
Minimum on Grass, ...	48.0	—
Previous Rain on Grov., ...	0.00	—
24 hours, } „ above, ...	0.00	—
Wind, ...	E.	N.E.
Force, ...	4	5
Cloud, ...	1	1
Ozone, ...	3	2
Weather, ...	Fine.	Fine

NOTES & QUERIES  
ON  
CHINA & JAPAN.  
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**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

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**THE CHINA MAIL**

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JAN. 27, 1868.

*The China Mail* and the "half-dozen missionaries" who opposed His Excellency's gambling policy, can afford to smile at the article in the *Press* of this morning. But his Excellency, we regret to say, is not so fortunately circumstanced.

He has reason to pray that he may be saved from his professed friends. Our personal respect for Sir R. MacDonnell would lead us to consign to oblivion what I. Exchellency now perceives was a serious political mistake on his part. It is  $\pi$  however, an irretrievable one; and we are not without hope that the political sympathies of a gentleman

rendered to his country good and faithful service in other parts of the world will soon be relieved from the blot that is now on it. His foolish henchman will alone be to blame if the blot is kept fresh colour.

**THE LICENSED GAMBLING  
POLICY.**

WE copy the following remarks from  
*Pall Mall Gazette* of Dec. 5 :—

It is wholesome to be reminded; wh  
investing against motives in the eyes  
others, that we have a beam or two in  
own. The licensed gaming-houses of G

many and bloody deservedly draw down contempt and reprobation upon the public Governments which condescend to derive revenues from such sources, and by whom they are more frequently and steadily condemned than by the English. What explanation, therefore, can we give to those whom we have been lecturing so loftily on their sordid immorality, of the fact which came out during a conversation between

Lord Taunton and the Duke of Buckingham on Tuesday night in the House of Lords that England has hers if licensed gambling houses too! In Heligoland, at the mouth of the Elbe, an island much frequented during the summer season by bathers and pleasure-seekers from Hamburg, the British Government in 1865 conceded, for a consideration, a lease to a society of gamblers until 1871; and the citizens of Hamburg

complain bitterly that their sons and eldest sons are allured thither to the serious injury of their interests and prospects. At Hanoi, however, there are numerous gaming houses licensed by the British Government and a correspondence has for some time past been going on between the Colonial Office and the Governor of the colony, who is anxious to enlarge the Government contract with the Chinese smokers, formerly

extraordinary reason that, if gambling is officially encouraged in Hongkong, the police of the colony will certainly be demoralized by the enormity of the bribes which will be offered to induce them to wink at it. It is due to the Duke of Buckingham to state that he is deeply ashamed to find that England should have such a blot on its escutcheon, and that he is doing his best to effect a reformation in the law.

The words "the community" must

**AN ARCHITECTURAL LESSON**  
We hear, upon good authority that the French authorities at Saigon have taken a most wise and politic step, as regards both the pockets of the government and the comfort of official residents. They have ordered the French Consul at this place to be removed by Vice Admiral

has been charged by Vice Admiral Grandiere to make certain proposals. Mr. Hermite, the architect of the Hall, which will result in his leaving the *Donnai* for Saigon, where he study the best form of building (of iron use, elegance, and healthiness) in Cochin China. Had a similar agency been despatched to the Consular ports, it would have resulted in the erection of the Consular buildings and offices, some of the unworkable blocks which now exist would have been substituted by more reasonable erections and much public money would have been saved.

### HYDROGRAPHIC CARE

THE loss of the steam transport *Prad*, near Zitzikamma point, calls for a strong comment. The proverbial carelessness of the Admiralty authorities in neglecting to provide ships with sailing directions and charts, has been often noticed to be any novelty of great mass of newspaper-readers at home or in the colonies. But in the case of the *Prad*, the neglect was a dereliction of the remarkable discipline which has been so long and so often elicited at the enquiry upon the loss of the vessel, and of the fact that the ship was on her last voyage in the short time since H. M. S. *Orpheus* was

similar fate from similar causes, comes worth while to enquire what causes are being taken to avert such catastrophes in this part of the world. The evidence adduced at, and subsequently to, the court held upon the *Alexander*, it appears that the following vessels have been lost in the same neighbourhood;—the French ship *l'Albatros* in 1850; the British ship *Queen of the South* upon the same night and at the same spot; the French ship *l'Auguste* in 1851; the *Lady Head* in 1858; and the

last year. Furthermore the *Kunze* abandoned some 70 miles off the coast and was drifted to the same spot by the currents. And yet with all the painful experiences before it, the Geographic department of the British Admiralty deliberately issues the Adm. Chart for 1884, No. 596, instead of the later edition of 1867; while, to the disgraceful neglect which has characterized the whole matter, the English Edition of Horsburgh's directions totally ignores the not obtained on the very subject of the dangerous currents in this locality (French translation of 1881).

We in China have not of course to vivid an interest in the navigation of the South African coast, as those countries with the Cape Colony, but there nevertheless two points of view in which we cannot remain unaffected by the lessness exposed in the Cape paper sailing ocean route to China is, despite the steam companies, of vast space, and vessels intending to the Cape are liable to the same danger that in which the ill-fated *Bosphorus* perished—as witness the loss of

But yet more the neglect which she so well known and frequented a of the world as the neighbourhood of the Cape of Good Hope to remain sufficiently piloted and charted is exceedingly likely, to extend its carousness comparatively unknown a coast bordering the China Sea. We are aware of the valuable services rendered by the *Sylvia* and *R* surveying ships, and that the re their labours are from time to time to the naval world in the form of

circulars. But we venture to suggest that whether any vessel in the world possesses a record of all the available information which has been placed on record respecting their navigation in the dangerous currents near Cape Zaire, has had been more than once alluded to and expatiated upon by the Cape of Good Hope, but as Admiralty cheese-parlors do not authorize a subscription to local newspapers, and Naval officers go to entertain an idea that they can do so, but little from their personal comments and information would

and information passed and unnoticed. We venture to think that the Naval department was considerably benefited by the action which so constantly appears at the head of "shipping reports" in the principal papers all over the world, in excision and placing on record of a competent officer of the often valuable remarks afforded by masters of the cutter Marine would result at the end of a year in a visible and useful accession to hydrographic knowledge. The evidence moreover that the hydro-

department of the station received noted copies of all interesting reports which would lead the masters of Merchants to take additional care in the preparation and to authenticate their signatures instead of, as is sometimes the case, leaving shipping reports to be gathered together as much or as little as they wished from a conversation with the official. A hasty reference to the official logs of the China coast special facilities for obtaining information which do not fall within the ordinary scope of the work of the consular agents and men, and were more of interest even

its collection the benefit would extend to the Royal and mercantile marine. We trust that an inexcusable ignorance of any particular fact on the part of Naval authorities in China, will result in a catastrophe so sad as the loss of the *Bosphorus*.



NOTICES.

January, 1868.  
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THE CHINA MAIL.

JAN. 27, 1868.

THE LOSS OF THE BOPHOS.

In our last we mentioned the wreck of the steam transport *Bosphorus* off the Cape, on Oct. 21, and the loss of 49 of her crew. We have commented upon the disaster elsewhere.

THE LOSS OF THE BOPHOS.

The following is the captain's version of it:—

THE LOSS OF THE BOPHOS.

Capt. J. A. Alexander's Statement.

I left Liverpool, after having personally seen that the charts on board corresponded with those ordered by the Admiralty, and arrived off Simon's Bay on the evening of the 18th, anchored there at 8.30 a.m., 19th, and left again at 1.20 p.m. for this port, passing L'Agulhas about midnight, about 25 miles off.

THE LOSS OF THE BOPHOS.

At noon of 20th, I found my position to be by observation 35° 45' S. latitude, 22° 23' E. longitude. I then steered E.N.E., by standard compass, for about 42 miles. At 4.30, found by astronomical variation of standard compass was 10° W. I then steered E. by S.N., which was continued till midnight, about 75 miles. At 10.30 p.m., left deck in charge of chief officer, with instructions to steer from midnight E. by N., and to call me in case anything happened in night before day-break. These courses I gave, making due allowance for the current, as marked on Admiralty Chart, No. 596, now handed in, and referred to in S. A. Pilot of 1865. About 1 a.m., "Land on port bow" was reported by second officer. I immediately went on deck and ordered the engines to be stopped and reversed full speed, the helm being already hard-a-port. Before these orders could be obeyed, the vessel struck heavily. Every accessible position was made by all on board to get the vessel off, without success. The heavy sea soon rendered all our boats but one useless, which was at daylight despatched with line to effect communication with the shore, distant about half a mile, the intervening space being nothing but jagged rocks, nearly hid at high water. Before the boat had got fifty yards she was capsized and the crew reaching the shore with difficulty. Soon after daylight the main-mast fell over the side, and the vessel finally broke up, the remaining crew being engulfed, those saved reaching shore on portions of wreck. At the time the vessel struck I considered she was about twenty-five to thirty miles from shore, and can only attribute her wreck to the currents, having obtained good observation for compass the day previous, and being quite confident of my position at noon of 20th, and having steered since. I have been in command for sixteen years, twelve of them under my late owners, one of which in India, and three in sailing vessels, to stem; My certificate and all other papers are lost with vessel. With the above statement I would respectfully hand in a letter received from Mr. Chabaud, bearing on the strong local currents, and leave the case in your hands, assuring the Court that the unfortunate disaster is not felt by any one more than myself.

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LOCAL.

This Band of the 73rd Regt. will perform in the Public Gardens at 4 o'clock p.m. the 28th Instant, commencing at 4 o'clock p.m. The following is the programme:—  
Overture, "Tampa," Herold.  
Quadrille, "St. Patrick's," Laurent.  
Scherzo, "Lucia di Lammermoor," Donizetti.  
Valse, "Die Elfen Reigen," Gungl.  
Polka Mazurka, "Violetta," Franz.  
M. E. Tracy, Band Sergeant, Conductor.

TO-DAY'S POLICE.  
Two cases of street gambling were brought before Mr. May this morning, including five Chinese, who were each fined \$1.  
Two suspicious characters were removed, one by imprisonment for three months and a security, and the other (a young boy) with twenty strokes on the breech.

John Johnson, seaman of St. China, was charged with the old offence—drunk and disorderly, in addition to assault on the Police. P.O. 70 deposed to the "drunk" and the personal damage received; and his witness gave prisoner the option of paying 60s. or going to hard gaoi labor for one month.

Kon Atang, who purported to be a chair-coller, was charged with having assaulted another Chinaman, and stolen from his person a purse containing \$3, together with a cap and a pair of boots. His Worship ordered the No. of the chair to be handed to the Registrar General, and the holder thereof to be sent to Gaoi for six months.

A gun having broken a number of eggs for sale by a poor hawk in Canton Bazaar after being refused credit, broke the hawk's head on being asked to pay for the same. His Worship lectured the prisoner on the evil influence of soldiers and policemen having quarrels with Chinese shopkeepers; and then ordered him to pay a fine of \$5 or go to gaoi for ten days. The fine was paid.

The account of the Wanchai Gambling-house appeared to charge the master of the passage-boat trading between West Point and Wanchai with having received the price of a load of charcoal supplied by a West Point house, without having any authority for so doing. The offence was discovered by the seller of the charcoal calling for his money. Prisoner, according to complaint, resented a bill produced. His Worship asked complainant if defendant was a respectable man; to which defendant replied that he did not know. The Magistrate suggested that defendant might be a respectable man, being master of a passage boat; and that it was less probable that complainant was so respectable, seeing that he was acquainted to a gambling-house. A grin of surprise but satisfaction passed over several Celestial faces as this remark fell from the Bench. He (his Worship) would much sooner believe that defendant did not get the money; or, in other words, that the gambling account was telling a falsehood. At all events, it was not a criminal act; and the gambling account could settle it, if he chose, at the Summary Court. Defendant was discharged.

A Chinaman with a most "hang-dog" expression of countenance was charged with stealing a valuable jacket from complainant on P. & F. evening last, in Tei-ping-shan. Sergeant Teller stated that he saw the robbery, and gave chase to the prisoner, who dropped the bundle, and gave him a long race for it: he jumped a 12-feet wall, and was caught in the strand. Prisoner admitted having seen a man running with a bundle, but swore that he was a stranger to him: he was himself a hawker of congee. A woman appeared and said that she did not know the man who had been thief for the last month at least. His Worship said that the prisoner would be treated leniently, and sent him three months to gaoi.

On Saturday afternoon last, the praiseworthy desire of a celestial to keep up the Chinese festival led him to entertain a small and select party of friends at the corner of a street, the first consisting of a little quiet gambling. But alas! for the calculations of our unfortunate friends. Chinaman deposes and policeman disposes. While the excitement of the game was at its height a native police soon crawled slyly up and making a clever pounce, secured the "Chairman" in the midst of the proceedings, collecting together the cash, totipot, &c., he (poc) turning to the assembled Chinaman, pointed to his prisoner as he marched him off exclaiming at the same time: "No one chin chin Joss."

Our Whampoa Correspondent writes under date January 24th—Last you think that Whampoa during the past two months of almost incessant drought has "dried up" altogether. I hasten to assure you that this interesting locality, if not thriving, is still in existence. Comparatively speaking, I think I may be justified in saying that there has of late been quite a "sprout" in these "diggings," and that the Docking Interest has been "looking up" for awhile. At the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, whereabouts I am in the habit of perambulating occasionally, I noticed but a few days since more than four steamers in hand, viz. the *Donnai*, the *Flying Dragon*, the *Douglas*, and the *United Service*. They have all left now, or are in the act of leaving—and half a dozen or so of sailing vessels are all that remain in the reach to be "lookers on in Whampoa," while the natives celebrate their New Year to-morrow, and for a few more months to come. Thus far this great "settling day" among the Celestials has not been heralded by robberies, and other crimes erst so common at this season, but it is difficult to say what the vagabonds may not effect in that particular "line" before their holiday has actually dawned. Since yesterday the weather has set in cold and rainy, and the thermometer has fallen from 70° to 62°.

This Mr. Editor, is the entire budget of news I have to convey on this occasion, but I trust that I may soon be afforded an opportunity of expatiating on subjects of greater interest from here.

THE PORTAL CONTRACT.—The following members voted against the new contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Company: Messrs W. S. Allen, A. B. Ayrton, J. G. Candlish, W. Graham, G. Hadfield, Lord W. M. Hay, Messrs J. Jackson, G. Lewis, G. J. B. Lefevre, G. M. Newbold, G. Seely, M. W. Thompson, and the Hon. G. Wadsworth. Tellers—Mr. M. L. Larn and Mr. J. B. Smith.

LADY ESCOBEDO, widow of the late Right Hon. Sir Thomas Escombe, has it is said, bequeathed the sum of £30,000 to the benefit of Trinity College, Dublin, to build and endow a classical school in the county of Waterford.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

We requested to correct a slight error which occurred in our morning report of the meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company. Mr. Bosman is represented to have said "that the new office ought to accept Marine risks as well as those against fire. He would therefore suggest that marine risks should be accepted." Owing to the low tone in which Mr. Bosman spoke the above was what appeared to be his meaning. I did not, however, advocate any proposition to accept marine risks in future. He merely remarked that as the Company terminated on 11th May, 1868, it would be desirable to take some steps with regard to the acceptance of risks expiring after that date, as although such was not the practice with Marine Insurance Companies, he considered that it would be well for this Company either to effect re-insurances of such risks or to provide that the new Company to be formed at the expiration of the present one should take them over.

Report for presentation at the second Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the office of the Company in the Queen's Road, on Saturday the 25th January, 1868, at 3 p.m.

The amended statements show a balance in favor of the Company, exclusive of capital, of \$93,210.43, from which will have to be deducted the following sums, viz., balance of claims at the fire of the 28th November 1867, not yet paid, \$15,793.44; Commission to General Managers and Agents not yet paid, \$3,317.84; one year's office rent to 31st December, 1867, not yet paid, \$1,200—\$26,311.28, leaving the sum of \$66,899.15 to the Credit of the Company after payment of all losses and charges, and exclusive of capital. The total net loss sustained by the Company at the fire of the 28th November last in Hongkong was \$98,951.60. A sum of \$63,000 is now deposited with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, bearing interest at the rate of (5%) six per cent. per annum. Eighteen shares have been allotted during the past year and the capital account with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank now stands at \$31,000. Although the position of the Company, as shown by the accounts, is highly satisfactory and would admit of the declaration of a dividend, the Committee are of opinion that in the permanent interest of the Shareholders it would be unwise to make a division of profits at present, and they therefore recommend that the whole amount be carried forward to new account.

WORKING ACCOUNT.

From May, 1866 to 31st December, 1867.

To Net Premium collected, to 31st Dec. 1867.  
Hongkong, \$96,704.18  
Shanghai, 69,627.00  
Amoy, 3,900.74  
Yokohama, 2,900.37  
Chinkiang, 157.39  
Ningpo, 156.36  
Foochow, 1,089.33  
Tientsin, 154.44  
Hankow, 1,708.06  
Total, \$179,784.29

By Charges as follows:—

For Salaries of Assistants and Surveyors, \$7,483.19  
Cost of maintaining Engine, \$591.78  
Advertisements, Stationery, Printing, &c., \$1,026.75  
Lawyers' fees and legal expenses connected with the formation of the Company, \$1,997.00  
Subscriptions to the Fire Brigade in Shanghai, \$809.19  
Office rent to 31st Dec. 1867, \$700.00  
Total, \$12,807.91

By Account of Losses:—

For losses under policies Nos. 34, 45 and 213 at Fire in Hongkong on 30th October 1867, \$4,715.00  
Damage to property on Yuen's premises on 31st December 1867, 892.77  
Fire at Morgan Lambert & Co's godown on 28th November, 1867, \$54,763.18  
Fire at Chua's godown on the same date, \$11,895.00  
Damage done to Chinese property on the same date, \$2,500.00  
Total, \$74,765.95

By Balance, \$93,210.43

Total, \$179,784.29

BALANCE SHEET.

To Paid up Capital 102 Shares, \$ 81,000.00

Balance of working account transferred, 93,210.43

Total, \$174,210.43

By cash in hand, \$ 3,112.73

Bank in Hong and Shanghai, 12,529.88

Capital, 81,000.00

Deposit, 70,000.00

5 Shares in the China Fire Insurance Company, 5,014.96

Cost of Steam Fire Engine, 2,551.80

Total, \$174,210.43

(Sd) JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Gen. Mngs. Hong Kong Fire Insur. Co.,

Hongkong, 25th January, 1868.

A BRITISH CONSUL AT SAIGON.—We

understand that the representations made to Lord Stanley on the subject of the appointment of a Consul at Saigon have produced a promise that the appointment will be provided for in the next year's Civil Service Estimates.—London and China Telegraph.

Mrs. MARRIOTT STOKES, aged 112 years, the oldest person in Penryn, died in Harriburg on November 9. Her death was caused by falling downstairs.

A DESPATCH from Havana states that Suarez has sent a commissioner to Washington to negotiate a loan of \$12,000,000.

The Austrian squadron in the Levant has been recalled in order to escort the body of the Emperor Maximilian on its arrival on the coast of Austria.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of this Society was held in Canton at the house of Messrs Olympt & Co., on Wednesday, the 22nd day of January, 1868. Present: D. H. Robertson, Esq., C.B., [H. B. M. Connel], in the Chair; G. Nye, Jr., Esq.; R. Von Carlowitz, Esq.; Theo. Sampson, Esq.; H. Davis, Esq.; F. Wong, M.D.; Rev. J. C. Nevill, Rev. E. Eitel, Rev. C. F. Preston, Rev. J. Anderson, Rev. A. Folson, Rev. R. H. Graves, M.D., and J. G. Kerr, M.D.

The notice calling the Meeting was read. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting, and of a Special Meeting held on Friday, April 6th, were read and approved.

The Reports of the Hospital in Canton and of the dispensaries at Shih-ling, Wu-chau, and at Pok-lo, were presented to the Meeting and an abstract of them read, as follows:—

Out-patients have been received at the new hospital on Mondays and Fridays, and at Kan-lai-fan on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Wednesday's hours have been devoted to important operations and Thursday to vaccinations. The dispensaries at Shih-ling, Wu-chau (in Kwong-si), Pok-lo, Shik-ling, and Tai-ping, have been continued. The following table shows the aggregate attendance at the above-named places:—

Pok-lo Hospital.	Male	Female	Total
Out-patients, .....	6593	2500	9093
In-patients, .....	306	106	412
Surgical Operation, .....	73	73	146
Vaccination, .....	182	182	364

KAN-LAI-FAN.

Out-patients, .....

In-patients, (3 months), .....

Surgical Operation, .....

Vaccinations, .....

Out-patients at Wu-chau, .....

" Shik-ling, .....

Out-patients at Pok-lo, .....

Shik-ling & Tai-ping, no returns

Total, Out-patients, 35,750; In-patients, 472; Operations, 980; Vaccinations, 600.

The expenses of the hospital in Canton for wages, rent, medicines, &c., have been \$1,320.04. This includes medicines supplied to the dispensaries at Pok-lo, Shik-ling, and Tai-ping. The receipts have been \$1,810.48, leaving a balance of \$484.44 to the credit of the present year's account.

In presenting these reports, Dr. Kerr remarked that during nine months of the year Dr. F. Wong had charge of the hospital in his absence, and he wished to avail himself of this opportunity to express his gratification at the prosperity of the institution while under his care, and his high appreciation of the Doctor's skill in the performance of numerous difficult and dangerous operations, with no assistance, but that afforded by the native assistants.

Dr. Kerr then presented for the inspection of the Members of the Society 18 specimens of urinary calculi, removed by Dr. W. during the short period he was in charge of the hospital. It has fallen to the lot of very few surgeons in any part of the world, to perform so many capital operations in so short a period of time, and many who have less opportunity of exhibiting their skill rank among the first surgeons of the age.

The Chairman remarked that he was fully sensible of the important services rendered to the hospital by Dr. Wong during Dr. Kerr's absence, and that he appreciated the great influence of these unobtrusive labors in the advancement of civilization and Christianity. He would express, when he had said out former occasions, that he believed Missionaries, and especially Medical Missionaries, to be the great Army of Civilization, and although this fact may not be acknowledged now, it will in future times be fully recognized.

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Sampson, the reports were accepted, and the usual minutes ordered to be printed in English and Chinese for circulation.

On motion of Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Nye, it was resolved that the meeting express its high appreciation of the services of Dr. Wong, and of the faithfulness of the native assistants during Dr. Kerr's absence.

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Preston, a vote of thanks was passed to Rev. Dr. Graves, Rev. Mr. Kirkley, and Rev. Mr. Folson, for their services in the dispensaries under their care.

The report of the Treasurer was then presented, from which it appeared that there was a small balance against the Society. As the account had not been audited, it was moved by Mr. Preston and seconded by Mr. Graves, that whereas, on account of the absence of the Auditor, the Treasurer's account had not been audited, and as it is known that there is a deficit in the funds, therefore be it resolved, that a committee be appointed by the Chairman to examine the accounts, and to call a meeting of the Society at an early day, for the purpose of noting on the Treasurer's report; making appropriations for the current expenses of the year, and of receiving the report of the building committee.

The motion was passed and the Chairman appointed Dr. Kerr, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Nye and Mr. Davis on the committee.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, where the following were chosen for the ensuing year:—

President—S. R. Colledge, M.D., F.R.S. Ed. (in England). Vice Presidents—S. Walls Williams, L.D., D.D. (in England); Esq., C.B., H.B.M. Connel; E. M. King, Esq., U.S. Consul; R. Von Carlowitz, Esq., H.P. M. Connel; Van Archdeacon Gray, M.A.; Hon. Wm. Keswick, Esq.; Hon. John Dent, Esq.; Geo. F. Heard, Esq.; Wm. H. Forbes, Esq.; E. A. Hitchcock, Esq.; Hon. F. Parry, Esq.; G. Nye, Jr., Esq.; and Julius Menckes, Esq., Sir John Bowring, L.D., W. Kane, Esq., M.D. (in England); D. N. Spooner, Esq., M.D. (in England); C. T. Smith, Esq., and Rev. A. P. Hopper, D.D. (in U.S.).

Corresponding and Recording Secretary.—J. G. Kerr, M.D.

Treasurers—Messrs Russell & Co.

Auditor—The Commissioner of Customs, Acting.

On motion of Mr. Carlowitz, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, after which the meeting was dissolved.

D. H. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

J. G. KERR, Secretary.

The Government ship *Prompt*, recently despatched from England to assist in the Indian troops at Suva, was conveyed through the new Suva Canal to the Red Sea. After having been lightened as much as possible, even to the removal of the paddle-wheels, a number of empty casks were placed under her, and in this



